

Davidon, Cary React BMC and Haverford Profs To Morrison Suicide Consider Calendar Reform

by Dick Schmidt

"I must say I was somewhat aback that something I said might have upset him," a member of the Haverford Board of Managers told the NEWS this week.

Stephen G. Cary was commenting on Norman R. Morrison, a Baltimore Quaker official who hanged himself to death in front of the Pentagon Nov. 2.

According to the Sunday issue of the New York Times, Morrison had been very impressed by two speeches given at a meeting of the American Friends Service Committee the weekend before his death.

The speakers were William C. Davidon, chairman of the Haverford physics department, and Cary, who is also the associate executive of the AFSC.

"As I've been over my notes and thought about it, I don't think there was anything to upset anyone who wasn't already upset," Cary remarked.

A scrap of charred paper found in Morrison's body after his death contained the following note which, according to the Times, he had written during Cary's speech:

"The richer we get materially, the poorer we get spiritually," Cary told the NEWS that "I can't recall ever having made that statement. His mind was wander-

ing if he did write it during my speech -- it wasn't in the context of my remarks."

Both Cary and Davidon said they had known who Morrison was before he set himself afire. "I had met him several times before," said Cary, "but I wouldn't say he was a close friend at all."

Davidon stated that "I don't think it's for me to judge the appropriateness of this act of another person."

"However I don't feel moved to do the same thing myself," he explained.

He said he did not know if Morrison thought of self-immolation as a protest against U.S. policy or as "a personal way of expressing his own inability to go on feeling the suffering and pain of the people who are being killed in Vietnam."

"Whether in this case these were his thoughts or not I don't know," Davidon continued.

Cary said he "would prefer to focus not on the appropriateness of Morrison's act, but on the depth of personal concern which would lead a man to such an extreme."

"I appreciate the depth of his concern," he stated, "but I'm terribly saddened and deeply concerned for his wife and children."

In the wake of this year's calendar mix-up, Bryn Mawr and Haverford may institute a calendar reform, Dean William E. Cadbury reported this week.

Faculty committees from the two colleges met last Saturday on a Haverford faculty proposal to begin classes a week earlier than previous years, ending them before Christmas vacation. Exams would be held after the vacation.

"Much to our surprise," said Cadbury, "their reaction to the early start was favorable."



Prof. Harmon Dunathan

Cadbury criticized a student letter to Haverford faculty which mentioned that the proposal was voted down by students in a poll last year, and requested the faculty to sound out student opinion before taking action.

"What the letter says simply is not true," he said. Student opinion has always been considered in drawing up the proposal, according to Cadbury.

Before submitting the proposal for joint discussion, Haverford's faculty rejected Prof. Harvey Glickman's plan for a special reading project during January.

Prof. Harmon Dunathan, who is on the Haverford committee along with Cadbury and Glickman, said that the decision is now up to the Bryn Mawr faculty, which must accept or reject the proposal by December. At Haverford, he said, it is "primarily an administrative decision." He implied that the faculty is consulted more out of courtesy than necessity.

Both Cadbury and Dunathan said the calendar proposal drawn up by the bi-college committee was done in the context of student complaints about the existing calendar, and "not in a vacuum."

Cadbury pointed out that the Haverford NEWS editorially supported a plan similar to that now being proposed, except that it had a reading period before exams.

Dunathan said the committee's actions had been guided mainly by an attempt to coordinate the calendars of the two colleges in order to avoid different starting times, as happened this year. The consideration of a totally new calendar was secondary. "We are aiming for complete coordination -- day by day," he said.



Dean William E. Cadbury

The committee decided to give the two faculties a choice of two different coordinated calendars -- the new plan or the existing plan.

Cadbury said they had considered "all the various suggestions for calendar reform which have come up." But they rejected the University of Pennsylvania plan because neither faculty would be willing to go along with a start as early as Labor Day. The Penn calendar started on Sept. 9 this year, as contrasted with the new proposal's suggested date of Sept. 13.

Cadbury outlined the dates of a tentative calendar for next year if the new proposal is adopted.

Classes could begin Sept. 12, and could end Dec. 20. There would be the regular Thanksgiving vacation, and a 3-1/2 day weekend after about five weeks of classes. Dormitories and the library could reopen Jan. 8, and exams could run from Jan. 2 to Jan. 13. The

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Fried, Sieber To Serve on Council

by Jay Hoster

In two recent special elections sophomore Tim Sieber and freshman Bob Fried were selected to fill vacancies on the Students' Council.

Sieber's election was prompted by the transfer of Steve Collett, sophomore council member, to Bard College. Fried was running to break a tie with Jim Hecoff for the third freshman seat. In his campaign speech, Sieber stated that he did not feel his

stands on specific issues were the most important aspects of the campaign. He placed an emphasis on the student as a member of the college community -- especially at Haverford, where he feels there is not a "student proletariat" being "exploited" by the administration.

Regarding student demonstrations, Sieber is looking for more of a "healthy dialectic" between students' desire for change and the often less radical inclinations of the administration. He stated that

college can be viewed as the "youthful coming against the mature."

Specifically, Sieber would like to work toward greater cooperation between students and administration through greater emphasis on joint student-faculty-administration committees.

Finally, Sieber feels that Meeting should be retained as a means of upholding the Quaker tradition. The paradox between the Quaker spirit of freedom and the compulsory nature of Meeting is to him a "misplaced concern."

Bob Fried, who joins Bill Forman and Charles Thompson as the freshmen council representatives, is a graduate of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, where he played varsity football and JV basketball and baseball. He was also a member of the National Honor Society.

Concerning Meeting, Fried feels it should be recommended but not required. He also agrees with the compromise worked out by Council on the SAC question, holding that money should be supplied for transportation and not for materials in student demonstrations.



Barnett, Hume Obtain Danforth Nominations

Seniors Peter Barnett and Robert Hume have been selected by a faculty committee as Haverford's two nominees for the Danforth Fellowship for College Teaching.

Barnett is a philosophy major, and will have completed his undergraduate work in three years. He plans to do graduate work in philosophy. He is secretary of the Students' Council this term and has been a Council member for other two terms.

Hume is an English major and plans to do graduate work to prepare to be an English professor. This is his second year as a member of the Review Board.

Howard Comfort, John Davison, and Colin MacKay.

To become Haverford's candidates, Barnett and Hume had to submit two letters of faculty recommendation and a letter of self-recommendation, and were interviewed by the committee.

Cary stated that the candidates were judged on the written statements and recommendations, the interview, their academic average, and "their indication of a commitment to good teaching at the college level."

Both nominees must take the Graduate Record Exam tomorrow and complete the Danforth application form. Recipients of the fellowship receive \$1800 a year, re-

Thespians To Present Shakespeare Tragedy

by Terry Jones

An uncut presentation of Shakespeare's "Richard II," focusing on the poetic rather than the historical aspects of the play, will be given by the combined drama clubs of Haverford and Bryn Mawr tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Roberts Hall.

Male leads include Steve Bennett as Richard II; Chris Kopff as John of Gaunt; Munson Hicks, Henry Bolingbroke; and Howie Bush, Duke of York. All have appeared in previous productions of the Drama Club.

Female leads are Mary Currie, as the Queen; Margaret Edwards, Duchess of Gloucester; and Carolyn Meadow, Duchess of York. The three are members of Bryn Mawr College Theatre and have appeared before in major roles.

During the week prior to regular rehearsals, director Robert Butman drilled the cast on rhythm, melody, and poetic structure of

student productions on both campuses, has also directed a number of television documentaries for various Philadelphia outlets and has been connected with the Shakespeare Festival productions in Stratford, Conn.

"Doing an uncut Shakespeare" said Butman, "gives each person involved the opportunity of wrestling with a great mind and of finding its own strength and its opponent's strength, like Jacob with the angel."

Regarding his role as director, Butman commented: "A director, like a teacher, can feel that he has fulfilled his ultimate function if he can make the student-actor face the challenge."

Asked to limit his comments to the forthcoming production, Butman observed, "This is the most brilliant thing I've ever done."

When asked whether there is anything which distinguished this production from previous productions, Butman replied emphatically